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Statement - Voter Registration & Election Integrity
July 2018

When the Department of State became aware in 2017 that a decades-old issue with the PennDOT motor-voter system had allowed ineligible individuals to inadvertently register to vote, our immediate priority was to fix the problem. That project was completed in December 2017.

The Department also undertook the following steps to investigate and address the concern that some ineligible individuals registered to vote:

- The Department retained an expert to conduct a full analysis of registration data by comparing the voter rolls with other available state databases. The initial analysis yielded a responsible list of individuals for whom voter registration status required further confirmation.
- Prior to the May 2018 primary, the department mailed letters to 7,702 of those registrants whose registration status was active. Because the data analysis was ongoing, the immediate goal was to remind the individuals of voter eligibility requirements before the primary.
- Based on further expert analysis, the Department mailed letters to 11,198 registrants on June 12, including those with active and inactive status, asking the recipients to affirm their eligibility to vote or to submit a request to cancel their registration.
- After the responsive affirmations and requests for cancellation were taken into account, on June 29 another round of letters with a similar message was mailed to those who had not responded.
- A robocall reiterating the need to respond to the mailing was made to registrants for whom there was a telephone number in their voter registration record.
- Additional affirmations and requests to cancel were processed.
- On July 26, the Department sent the appropriate counties the information on the individuals whose letters were returned as undeliverable and the individuals who did not respond to our repeated communication efforts. County election offices have been advised to handle the registrants according to their normal processes employed to verify addresses and confirm eligibility.

The Department's goal in this process was to protect the integrity of elections in Pennsylvania. The issue we are remedying spans several decades and multiple administrations. The Department takes seriously its duty to make sure that only eligible voters can cast ballots, and we believe that this extensive process was the best path to restoring full confidence in our elections.

Upholding the integrity of Pennsylvania elections is a core mission of the Department of State and one we work toward every day. When we learned that ineligible residents may have registered to vote through a longstanding issue in the motor voter system, we knew that it was imperative to address the problem. Equally imperative was the protection of every eligible elector's right to vote in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. While it is true that even one ineligible registrant is one too many, it is also true that the disenfranchisement of one eligible voter is one too many. That is why we resisted

efforts to bring about a careless and wholesale removal of all registrants initially identified as potentially ineligible. From the experiences of other states, we knew that many voters whose registrations required confirmation would in fact turn out to be eligible voters. That has proven true in Pennsylvania, as in other states.

At this point, we are turning over information to the counties to confirm eligibility of the remaining registrants because the Department does not have the authority to remove voters from the rolls. With expert assistance, we undertook rigorous data analysis and then made several rounds of outreach to potentially ineligible registrants as a way to prudently refine the initial analysis and lessen the workload for each county election office.

We remain confident that this careful, deliberate approach was the most responsible way to remedy a decades-old problem while ensuring that no eligible voter is disenfranchised.

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Numbers - Voter Registration Project
July 2018

Universe Review

1. **Of the 11,198 initial records:**
   a. 2,500 individuals were removed
      i. 286 were removed because they were already 'canceled'
      ii. 2,214 were removed due to responses received from either mailing
         1. 1,915   affirmed their registration
         2. 215   canceled on form sent
         3. 84   need further review by DOS

2. **That leaves 8,698 records, broken down as follows:**
   a. There were two categories to consider with the remaining individuals
      i. No Response
         1. 5,251 active records (possible further confirmation active by county)
         2. 1,479 inactive records (already on path to cancellation)
      ii. Undeliverable addresses
         1. 895 active records (will get address verification notice)
         2. 1,073 inactive records (already on path to cancellation)

3. **What was the response rate of the mailing?**
   a. 2,214 responses were received from recipients
      i. Approximately 20% response rate

4. **When did county officials receive the information?**
   a. Files were sent to the appropriate counties on July 26th and loaded into their secure FTP sites.
   b. The counties also received an email from the Department on July 26th

Voter Status Breakdowns

Voter Status	Voter Status Description	Initial Count	Universe Count
A	Active	8,263	6,146
I	Inactive	2,649	2,552
X	Canceled	286	0
Total		11,198	8,698

Voter Status Breakdown by Non-Response Category

Voter Status	No Response Recorded	Undeliverable Address
A	5,251	895
I	1,479	1,073
Total	6,730	1,968

County Breakdowns

A total of 64 counties had at least 1 recipient with no response or undeliverable mail piece.

There were 3 counties that did not have any recipients to review after the parameters were applied to the universe.

- Cameron
- Forest
- Sullivan

County	No Response - Active	No Response - Inactive	Undeliverable - Active	Undeliverable - Inactive	County Total
ADAMS	17	16	6	6	45
ALLEGHENY	357	111	113	119	700
ARMSTRONG	1	2	3	1	7
BEAVER	15	5	2	3	25
BEDFORD	1	-	-	1	2
BERKS	224	64	37	46	371
BLAIR	7	2	-	2	11
BRADFORD	2	-	-	-	2
BUCKS	289	57	34	38	418
BUTLER	18	6	2	7	33
CAMBRIA	10	-	4	2	16
CAMERON	-	-	-	-	-
CARBON	11	5	3	13	32
CENTRE	28	9	15	17	69
CHESTER	176	40	26	33	275
CLARION	1	-	-	-	1
CLEARFIELD	6	1	-	-	7
CLINTON	1	-	1	2	4
COLUMBIA	6	3	1	2	12
CRAWFORD	3	-	-	-	3
CUMBERLAND	137	8	34	7	186
DAUPHIN	157	58	35	41	291
DELAWARE	420	88	42	53	603
ELK	1	-	-	-	1
ERIE	60	49	23	53	185
FAYETTE	10	3	2	-	15
FOREST	-	-	-	-	-
FRANKLIN	21	10	8	11	50
FULTON	1	-	-	-	1
GREENE	-	1	-	-	1
HUNTINGDON	1	-	2	-	3
INDIANA	5	9	6	6	26
JEFFERSON	-	-	1	-	1
JUNIATA	1	-	-	-	1
LACKAWANNA	69	23	9	26	127
LANCASTER	204	62	53	56	375
LAWRENCE	4	1	1	2	8
LEBANON	67	22	18	5	112
LEHIGH	288	93	32	59	472
LUZERNE	198	70	47	69	384
LYCOMING	10	1	4	2	17
McKEAN	3	1	-	-	4
MERCER	4	1	2	2	9
County	No Response - Active	No Response - Inactive	Undeliverable - Active	Undeliverable - Inactive	County Total

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MIFFLIN	1	-	-	-	1
MONROE	173	21	32	34	260
MONTGOMERY	336	149	44	107	636
MONTOUR	4	1	1	3	9
NORTHAMPTON	153	27	22	30	232
NORTHUMBERLAND	12	-	4	-	16
PERRY	1	-	1	2	4
PHILADELPHIA	1,530	387	160	130	2,207
PIKE	27	7	7	9	50
POTTER	-	-	-	2	2
SCHUYLKILL	21	3	10	5	39
SNYDER	1	-	-	-	1
SOMERSET	2	-	-	-	2
SULLIVAN	-	-	-	-	-
SUSQUEHANNA	-	-	1	-	1
TIOGA	2	-	-	-	2
UNION	2	-	-	1	3
VENANGO	1	1	-	1	3
WARREN	1	2	2	2	7
WASHINGTON	10	5	5	4	24
WAYNE	2	1	2	-	5
WESTMORELAND	27	14	6	11	58
WYOMING	4	1	1	-	6
YORK	107	39	31	48	225

Other Charts

Initial Universe by County

County Name	Total
ADAMS	61
ALLEGHENY	919
ARMSTRONG	8
BEAVER	35
BEDFORD	4
BERKS	443
BLAIR	15
BRADFORD	7
BUCKS	571
BUTLER	48
CAMBRIA	24
CAMERON	-
CARBON	38
CENTRE	82
CHESTER	368
CLARION	1
CLEARFIELD	9
CLINTON	6
COLUMBIA	16
CRAWFORD	7
CUMBERLAND	235
DAUPHIN	366
DELAWARE	782
ELK	1
ERIE	212
FAYETTE	18
FOREST	1
FRANKLIN	66
FULTON	1
GREENE	1
HUNTINGDON	6
INDIANA	37
JEFFERSON	2
JUNIATA	2
LACKAWANNA	189
LANCASTER	453
LAWRENCE	10
LEBANON	136

LEHIGH	606
LUZERNE	468
LYCOMING	26
McKEAN	4
MERCER	11
MIFFLIN	1
MONROE	389
MONTGOMERY	886
MONTOUR	11
NORTHAMPTON	327
NORTHUMBERLAND	21
PERRY	5
PHILADELPHIA	2,691
PIKE	69
POTTER	2
SCHUYLKILL	48
SNYDER	4
SOMERSET	2
SULLIVAN	-
SUSQUEHANNA	2
TIOGA	3
UNION	4
VENANGO	5
WARREN	7
WASHINGTON	35
WAYNE	7
WESTMORELAND	85
WYOMING	8
YORK	291
Total	**11,198**

Breakdown of County Universe by Active vs. Inactive

County Name	Active	Inactive	Total
ADAMS	23	22	45

County			
ALLEGHENY	470	230	700
ARMSTRONG	4	3	7
BEAVER	17	8	25
BEDFORD	1	1	2
BERKS	261	110	371
BLAIR	7	4	11
BRADFORD	2	-	2
BUCKS	323	95	418
BUTLER	20	13	33
CAMBRIA	14	2	16
CAMERON	-	-	-
CARBON	14	18	32
CENTRE	43	26	69
CHESTER	202	73	275
CLARION	1	-	1
CLEARFIELD	6	1	7
CLINTON	2	2	4
COLUMBIA	7	5	12
CRAWFORD	3	-	3
CUMBERLAND	171	15	186
DAUPHIN	192	99	291
DELAWARE	462	141	603
ELK	1	-	1
ERIE	83	102	185
FAYETTE	12	3	15
FOREST	-	-	-
FRANKLIN	29	21	50
FULTON	1	-	1
GREENE	-	1	1
HUNTINGDON	3	-	3
INDIANA	11	15	26
JEFFERSON	1	-	1
JUNIATA	1	-	1
LACKAWANNA	78	49	127
LANCASTER	257	118	375
LAWRENCE	5	3	8
LEBANON	85	27	112
LEHIGH	320	152	472
LUZERNE	245	139	384
LYCOMING	14	3	17
McKEAN	3	1	4
MERCER	6	3	9

MIFFLIN	1	-	1
MONROE	205	55	260
MONTGOMERY	380	256	636
MONTOUR	5	4	9
NORTHAMPTON	175	57	232
NORTHUMBERLAND	16	-	16
PERRY	2	2	4
PHILADELPHIA	1,690	517	2,207
PIKE	34	16	50
POTTER	-	2	2
SCHUYLKILL	31	8	39
SNYDER	1	-	1
SOMERSET	2	-	2
SULLIVAN	-	-	-
SUSQUEHANNA	1	-	1
TIOGA	2	-	2
UNION	2	1	3
VENANGO	1	2	3
WARREN	3	4	7
WASHINGTON	15	9	24
WAYNE	4	1	5
WESTMORELAND	33	25	58
WYOMING	5	1	6
YORK	138	87	225
Total	6,146	2,552	8,698

Responses Received by County

County Name	Affirmed	Canceled	Pending Further Review	Total
ADAMS	11	3	1	15
ALLEGHENY	166	22	9	197
ARMSTRONG	1	-	-	1

BEAVER	8	-	1	9
BEDFORD	-	1	-	1
BERKS	47	20	3	70
BLAIR	2	-	-	2
BRADFORD	4	1	-	5
BUCKS	126	6	6	138
BUTLER	13	1	-	14
CAMBRIA	8	-	-	8
CAMERON	-	-	-	-
CARBON	6	-	-	6
CENTRE	12	-	-	12
CHESTER	72	16	2	90
CLARION	-	-	-	-
CLEARFIELD	1	-	-	1
CLINTON	2	-	-	2
COLUMBIA	3	-	-	3
CRAWFORD	4	-	-	4
CUMBERLAND	40	4	1	45
DAUPHIN	60	7	1	68
DELAWARE	146	15	7	168
ELK	-	-	-	-
ERIE	18	2	1	21
FAYETTE	2	-	-	2
FOREST	-	-	-	-
FRANKLIN	10	1	-	11
FULTON	-	-	-	-
GREENE	-	-	-	-
HUNTINGDON	2	1	-	3
INDIANA	6	-	-	6
JEFFERSON	-	-	-	-
JUNIATA	1	-	-	1
LACKAWANNA	50	6	4	60
LANCASTER	55	4	1	60
LAWRENCE	2	-	-	2
LEBANON	20	2	-	22
LEHIGH	100	9	7	116
LUZERNE	63	8	3	74
LYCOMING	7	1	-	8
McKEAN	-	-	-	-
MERCER	2	-	-	2
MIFFLIN	-	-	-	-
MONROE	110	4	5	119
MONTGOMERY	189	17	5	211

MONTOUR	1	-	-	1
NORTHAMPTON	78	7	3	88
NORTHUMBERLAND	3	1	-	4
PERRY	1	-	-	1
PHILADELPHIA	352	48	17	417
PIKE	16	2	-	18
POTTER	-	-	-	-
SCHUYLKILL	4	-	2	6
SNYDER	3	-	-	3
SOMERSET	-	-	-	-
SULLIVAN	-	-	-	-
SUSQUEHANNA	-	-	1	1
TIOGA	1	-	-	1
UNION	1	-	-	1
VENANGO	2	-	-	2
WARREN	-	-	-	-
WASHINGTON	9	1	-	10
WAYNE	2	-	-	2
WESTMORELAND	18	4	3	25
WYOMING	2	-	-	2
YORK	53	1	1	55
Total	1,915	215	84	2,214